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NIS COMMITTEE MEETING NO. 254

5 November 1957

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1. The following were present:

Mr. D. J. Clinton	State
Mr. R. S. Kain	State
Col. D. H. Smith	Army
Mr. J. A. Minogue	Army
Mr. H. P. Noland	Navy
Lt. Col. H. K. Avery	Air Force
25X1A9a Mr. Chas. P. Berney	Air Force
	CIA
	CIA
	CIA (Chairman)
	CIA (Vice Chairman)
	CIA (Secretary)

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* In attendance for review of Chapter I.

2. Review of Chapter I on France

The Committee reviewed the Chapter I on NIS 3 (France) and approved the draft with minor changes. The Chapter I Task Group was requested to review the detailed comments submitted by the member agencies. The Committee decided to control this Chapter I in view of the contributor controls placed on "Comments on Principal Sources" of Section 12, and Sections 17, 18, and 19 in their entirety.

3. NIS Production Forecast

The members were handed copies of the revised tentative NIS Production Forecast for Fiscal Years 1959-60-61, dated 1 November 1957, which incorporated changes submitted by the agencies after examination of the first draft of the forecast distributed at the last meeting (refer to Item 2 NCM 253). The vice chairman noted that the OBI review comments of the revised forecast should be examined by the members for suggested changes in the scheduling before the final Production Forecast is printed and disseminated.

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The State member submitted a memorandum dated 4 November 1957 indicating that State has no assurance, and very little hope, of producing NIS Sections 14, 15, and 16 on Israel, Afghanistan, and the Arabian Peninsula in FY 1959. The relatively few qualified analysts will be fully committed on other scheduled sections on these areas so that Chapter I sections of acceptable quality cannot be produced under these conditions. The chairman requested the members to give further consideration to the Chapter I forecast schedule and to indicate any alternate scheduling of Chapters I which could accommodate State.

4. Analysis of First Quarter Production

The vice chairman distributed copies of the NIS production analysis for first quarter FY 1958, dated 30 October 1957, with production status as follows:

	<u>Sections Scheduled</u>	<u>Sections Delivered</u>	<u>Percent Complete</u>
State	40	14	35%
Army	24	14	58
Navy	8	5	63
Air Force	5	2	40
CIA	18	13	72
Total:	95	48	51%

The vice chairman pointed out that this is the lowest first quarter production of the past five years. Unless the production deficiencies can be substantially overcome during the second quarter in addition to the regularly scheduled production for that period, the program will enter the last half of the fiscal year and its heavier production schedule with little prospect of avoiding the recurrent end-of-the-year production peak.

The rate of production for the second quarter of FY 1958 will have to be substantially increased to achieve a current production situation by midyear, as shown in the following tables:

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	Actual First Quarter Average Production per Month	Required Second Quarter Average Production per Month
	(Sections)	(Sections)
State	5	35
Army	5	14
Navy	2	7
Air Force	1	4
CIA	4	9
Total:	17	69

5. Rescheduling of Section 83M

The Committee approved the Air Force proposal, submitted in memorandum of 22 October 1957, for substitution of Section 83M (Air Forces) on Bulgaria in lieu of Section 83M on Hungary for February 1958. The reason for the substitution is the current unstable situation in Hungary, especially as it relates to the status of the Hungarian Air Forces.

6. NIS Annuals

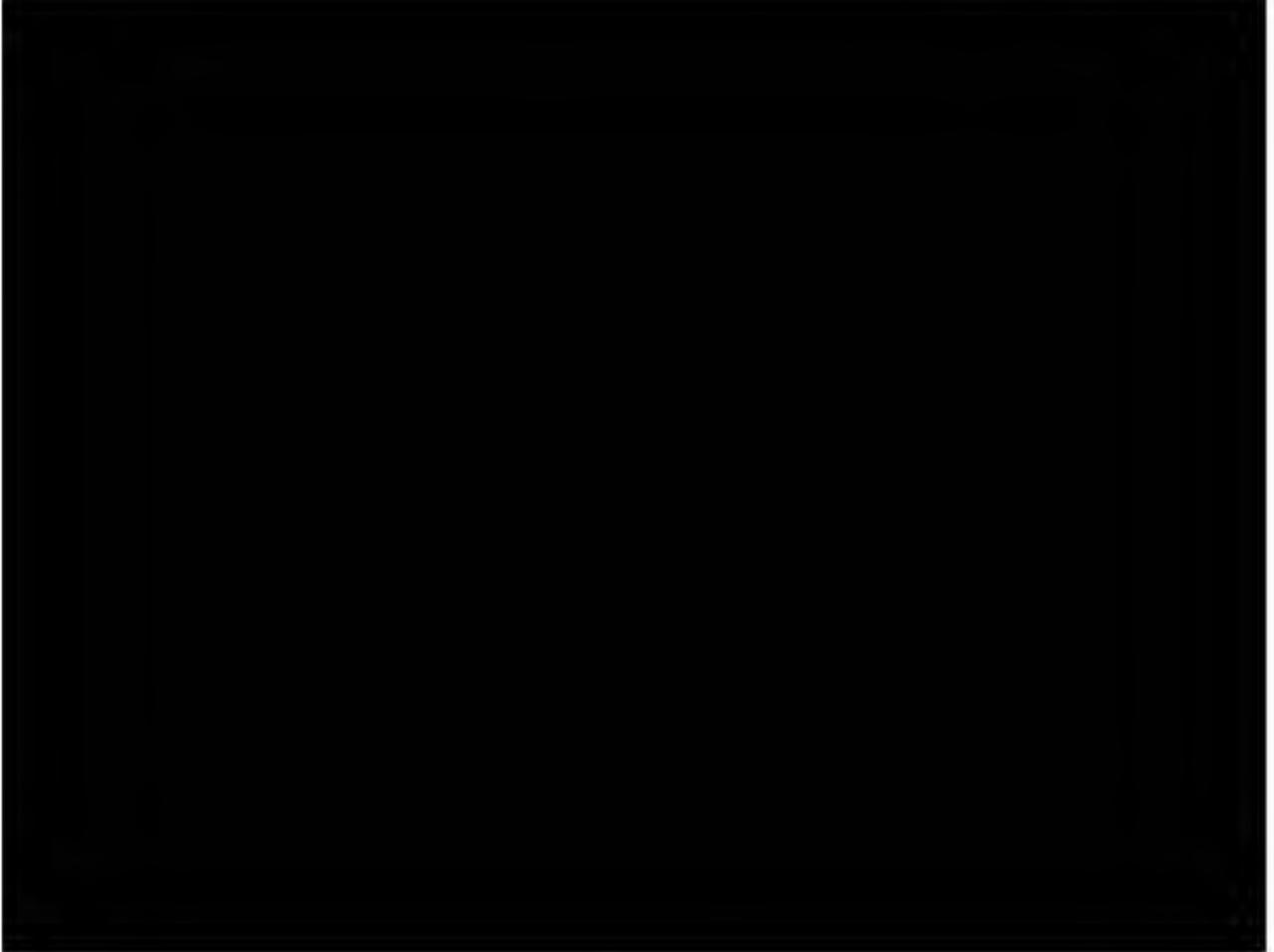
The Committee discussed at some length the proposed NIS Annuals, a prototype of which was handed to the members at the last meeting for examination by their agencies (refer to Item 7 NCM 253). It was the general consensus that while the NIS Annuals would require an appreciable, but presently indeterminate, amount of effort by all of the contributing agencies, it was mandatory that the Chapters I be kept reasonably up to date. Suggestions were made for possible alternate means of doing this, but the Committee decided to proceed with the present prototype as the basis for the NIS Annuals and to request the Chapter I Task Group to develop with representatives from the member agencies an outline guide and production schedule for Committee approval.

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7. Wider Dissemination of Chapters I

The Committee agreed in principle to the chairman's proposal that Chapters I be made available to Cabinet officers, heads of independent agencies, and other senior officials who have need of basic intelligence support in formulating and executing U.S. foreign policy (refer to Item 6 NCM 253). In order that the need-to-know be established and approved by the Committee before formally approaching these senior officials, the chairman undertook to prepare an initial list of departments and agencies whose missions and responsibilities relate to foreign policy and circulated it to the members. The CIA will then address letters to the approved officials together with copies of a Chapter I and the NIS Reference Guide in order to determine the new dissemination requirements for these Chapters.

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9. Proposed Relocation of "Naval Air Arm"

The Navy member recommended by memorandum of 31 October 1957 that the Committee approve relocating coverage of "Naval Air Arm" from Section 83 (Air Forces) to Section 82 (Naval Forces) and that the NIS Standard Instructions be amended accordingly. The Navy member felt that the close inter-relationships between naval surface, subsurface, and air components will be best reflected by treating all aspects of a nation's Naval Forces in Section 82 (Naval Forces).

The Air Force member pointed out that the original allocation of the "Naval Air Arm" to the Air Force (with Navy Participation) had been made at the highest levels at the start of the NIS program. He could not, therefore, take a position on the Committee at variance with that policy decision.

Committee discussion revealed that the Navy member was not satisfied with the present coverage of the "Naval Air Arm" and was concerned over the problem of improving it which, he felt, could be better done as an integral part of Section 82.

The chairman suggested in lieu of Navy's proposal that ONI regularly review for adequacy "Naval Air Arm" contributions prepared by AFCIN to ensure they are meeting Navy's requirements. The Navy member took the chairman's suggestion under advisement.

10. The next meeting of the NIS Committee will be held at 1000 hours on Tuesday, 26 November 1957



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